

Ould Daddah holds Rabat talks

RABAT, May 26 (R). — Mauritanian President Mokhtar Ould Daddah left Morocco today for home after talks yesterday with King Hassan, the official news agency said. The two leaders are thought to have discussed their conflict with the Algerian-backed Polisario Front which seeks independence for the Western Sahara from Morocco and Mauritania. The Mauritanian president stopped over in Morocco on his way back from the French-African summit in Paris.

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Eritreans offer new peace plan

BEIRUT, May 26 (AP). — An Eritrean rebel leader today proposed a three-point programme to negotiate peace with the Soviet-backed Ethiopian regime of Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam.

Assias Afawki, leader of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), told the independent Beirut newspaper Al Nahar that one of the conditions was for Ethiopia to "extract its offer of self-rule or Eritrea instead of the full independence sought by Eritreans."

"The Ethiopian ruling military council should recognize the right of the Eritrean people to self-determination," said Afawki. "The Ethiopian council must not assume the right to decide the destiny of Eritrea."

The EPLF is one of the two major guerrilla groups in Ethiopia.

Egypt to act against its journalists

CAIRO, May 26 (AP). — Egypt's state prosecutor is preparing charges against some 10 Egyptian journalists and writers abroad who have written or broadcast articles "damaging to Egypt's national interests," the press reported today.

The prosecutor, acting under restrictive measures approved in a national referendum Sunday, will announce the charges after investigating articles and recordings of broadcasts submitted to him by the state security services, the reports in the state-controlled press said.

The charges will be submitted to Egypt's parliament, which is to pass laws based on six proposals submitted by President Anwar Sadat and approved by 98.2 per cent of the voters.

One of the items bars journalists who write or broadcast stories that may endanger national unity or denigrate the achievements of the state from participating in political life or political parties.

However, what exactly would constitute a breach of these measures has not been spelled out yet.

opia's Red Sea northern province of Eritrea which have been fighting a 16-year-old rebellion to win independence for the former Italian colony.

The other major groups, the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC), claims 40,000 Ethiopian troops mounted a major offensive 12 days ago to crush the rebellion.

Although the EPLF and the ELF-RC have agreed to unite, Afawki denied that the expected Ethiopian offensive had begun. "But it is coming," he added.

Afawki said the second point in the programme called for official Ethiopian recognition of EPLF and ELF-RC as the legitimate representatives of the Eritrean people.

The third point in the programme, Afawki said, was for Ethiopian negotiators to be willing to talk peace without preconditions.

Afawki said certain Arab and other friendly nations had undertaken efforts to get peace negotiations started between Ethiopians and Eritreans. He did not elaborate.

In a related development, Eritrean guerrillas in Damascus said today Ethiopian troops were massing for a major new offensive after failing to break the siege of the provincial capital as Asmara.

The Damascus-based Eritrean News Agency, run by the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council said, however, that intermittent fighting was still going on about five kilometres from the guerrilla-besieged city.

It said Ethiopian military authorities had moved powerful reinforcements in preparation for another major offensive.

RHODESIAN CHIEF'S HOME IS ATTACKED

SALISBURY, May 26 (R). — Guerrillas attacked the home of Chief Jeremiah Chirau, a member of Rhodesia's multiracial provisional government, on Wednesday night but there were no casualties, defence headquarters said tonight.

The chief was away from his home at the time and a spokesman said minimal damage was caused.



Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain rides in an open carriage during an inspection tour of British forces in West Berlin earlier this week. She is on an official visit to West Germany. (AP wirephoto).

Jordan, Poland call for wideranging increase in bilateral cooperation

VIENNA, May 26 (JNA). — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan arrived here today from Poland, where a joint communiqué issued in Warsaw after his four-day official visit there said all available opportunities should be seized to increase bilateral cooperation between Jordan and Poland in the economic, technical, trade, cultural and scientific fields.

Poland and Jordan condemned Israel's "expansionist and aggressive" policies and its invasion of south Lebanon, and said that a Middle East peace settlement has to be based on a full Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands, along with the recognition of the Palestinian people's national rights. This must include their right to set up their own state, in such a way

that a peace settlement also guarantees the security and independence of all states in the area, the communiqué stated.

Prince Hassan today met with the Chairman of Poland's Council of State, Mr. Henryk Jablonski, and he invited Mr. Jablonski and his deputy to visit Jordan. The invitations were accepted, the communiqué said.

Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath visited the port city of Gdansk on Thursday, and Prince Hassan also had a meeting with Arab ambassadors in Warsaw.

Prince Hassan's visit was the highest level contact between Poland and Jordan since diplomatic relations were established in 1964.

The Crown Prince is in Austria for a two-day visit at the invitation of Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

Mobutu sets up free-fire zone in Shaba Province

PARIS, May 26 (AP). — President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire has ordered his troops to clear civilians from a 65-mile stretch of Shaba Province and create a free-fire zone to block further infiltration of rebels from bases in Angola.

After Thursday's announcement by the French Defence Ministry that it was withdrawing troops from southern Zaire, Mobutu told a news conference he was evacuating the area along Zaire's border with Zambia and Angola and ordering his forces to "shoot at anything that moves within the area."

The Defence Ministry said all of the 600 paratroopers dropped into the copper-mining city of Kolwezi last week had begun their withdrawal to the provincial capital of Lubumbashi prior to their return to France.

Zairian troops, aided by a contingent of 100 Moroccan troops, will take over responsibility for security in the area, the ministry said.

Mobutu, in Paris to discuss defence measures for Zaire, said at the news conference he was not informed in advance of the French withdrawal.

but he avoided criticism of French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

The president did not say whether he had asked the French to remain in Zaire.

Despite continued assertions to the contrary by Mobutu, a spokesman for the French Defence Ministry said there was "absolutely no evidence" of the presence of Cubans in Zaire territory. He said the invaders, an estimated 4,000 troops probably were trained by Cubans in Angola.

Mobutu said intelligence information indicated that a group of exiled opponents of his government living in Belgium, Zaire's former colonial ruler, had travelled to Havana to work out final details of the invasion.

U.S. President Carter, speaking to reporters in Chicago on Thursday, said the invasion was mounted in Angola and was aided by the Cubans. Cuba has denied involvement.

Cuba and Angola "must bear a heavy responsibility" for the violence and killing in Zaire, Carter said.

The president also said American participation in the effort to rescue foreigners from southern Zaire was nearly complete and U.S. transport planes

USSR demands total ban on production of neutron bombs

UNITED NATIONS, May 26, (R). — The Soviet Union today demanded a total ban on the neutron bomb, which it said the United States planned to produce and deploy in Europe.

Addressing the U.N. General Assembly at its special session on disarmament, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko also asserted that next weeks NATO summit conference in Washington was to prepare a new military buildup into the 1980s.

But he spoke optimistically of the prospects for agreement in the SALT talks with the U.S., which will resume over the weekend.

It now was possible to resolve the remaining issues on strategic arms limitation, he said.

Responding to U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale's sharp attack on the Soviet deployment of the SS-20 nuclear missile in Europe, Mr. Gromyko called the criticism a bid to trump up the "myth" of a Soviet threat.

Was it not true that American nuclear and missile weapons were primarily aimed "in the easily predictable direction?" And why were they deployed in Europe at all, Mr. Gromyko asked.

Mr. Gromyko said it was particularly urgent to prevent the development of new types of mass destruction weapons.

President Carter has delayed a decision on development of the neutron weapon pending a review of the Soviet position. The weapon is intended as a possible counter to a large superiority of Soviet

armour in Europe, the U.S. says.

"The Soviet Union favours a complete prohibition of neutron weapons and not because we would be unable to meet this challenge in a proper way," Mr. Gromyko said.

"What happened in the case of atomic and then thermonuclear weapons bears that out. We are in principle against adding a new dimension to the arms race."

The Soviet Union did not intend to begin producing neutron weapons unless the U.S. or any other state did so, Mr. Gromyko said.

"Neutron weapons must be banned once and for all," he said.

Mr. Gromyko advised using what he called the present favourable conditions for promoting disarmament accords.

"The reality of the present situation is such that there exists approximate equality or parity in the military field, sufficient to ensure defence, something that is recognised by both sides," he said.

Referring to the negotiations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union on strategic arms limitation -- the so-called SALT talks -- the Soviet minister said many of the difficulties "had been overcome and it was possible to resolve the remaining issues."

"Immediately after signing the agreement which is now being prepared, the Soviet Union would be ready to enter into negotiations which should lead -- with all the necessary factors taken into account -- to a substantial reduction, I repeat reduction, of the levels of strategic arms and to a further limitation of their qualitative improvement," he said.

Carter, Gromyko to meet for talks

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois, May 26 (R) — President Carter announced today that he would confer in Washington tomorrow with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on world issues and Soviet-American relations.

Mr. Carter, answering questions from members of the Illinois state legislature after addressing them in a joint session here, did not specify what topics he and Mr. Gromyko would discuss.

But White House officials said they expected the talks would cover U.S.-Soviet negotiations on a new Strategic Arms Limitation (SALT) agreement as well as the president's concern over Soviet and Cuban military activities in Africa.

"It is not easy to negotiate with the Russians on a SALT agreement, which is crucial to our country, and not let its accomplishment be prevented by unwarranted Soviet intrusions with their Cuban surrogates in Africa," Mr. Carter said.

The Soviet foreign minister, who is attending the United Nations special session on disarmament, conferred yesterday with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in New York and was going to Washington later today for more discussions with him.

At a press conference in Chicago yesterday, the president denounced what he called Cuba's key role in training and equipping Katangian rebels that invaded Zaire's southern Shaba Province from Angola last week.

He also said Soviet human rights abuses and involvements in Africa could bring about a climate of public opinion that

would jeopardise U.S. Senate ratification of a new SALT treaty.

The president today gave a fresh assurance that the United States, while improving relations with "moderate" Arab states, would never weaken its commitment to Israel's security.

He spoke about Israel when one legislator told him that his Jewish constituents feared the sale of American warplanes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt which the U.S. senate approved on May 15 threatened Israel.

Mr. Carter said: "The special relationship between the United States and Israel still stands."

PFLP TO CONTINUE LEBANESE FIGHTING

BEIRUT, May 26 (R). — A radical Palestinian organisation said last night it would continue, together with its leftist Lebanese allies, to fight Israeli occupation forces in south Lebanon.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) said through its official spokesman, Bassam Abu Sharif, it would not consider itself bound by any pledge given by any party to stop the fighting.

A delegation led by Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat Wednesday night conferred with Lebanese Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss, and a Palestinian official said later the PLO had expressed its concern to facilitate the task of U.N. forces in overseeing the withdrawal of Israeli troops from south Lebanon.

World News Roundup...

Fukuda to visit Mideast states

TOKYO, May 26 (R). — Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda intends to visit Egypt and other Middle East countries next September in the first tour of the area by a Japanese premier, informed sources said today. The sources quoted him as telling a senior member of his ruling Liberal Democratic Party today that he hoped to visit Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iran.

Entebbe bomb caused McKenzie death

KAIRO, May 26 (R). — The government said today a plane crash which killed one of Kenya's leading whites on Wednesday was caused by a bomb planted in the aircraft at Uganda's Entebbe airport. Bruce McKenzie, a former minister, and all three others aboard the twin-engine light plane died in the crash on Wednesday. The plane came down near Nairobi towards the end of a flight from Uganda. Witnesses said an explosion preceded the crash.

PLO rejects Young's remarks

BEIRUT, May 26 (AP). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation said last night that its chairman, Mr. Yasser Arafat, enjoys more sympathy among his people than any elected president in the Western world "including U.S. President Jimmy Carter." The PLO statement was in reply to recent remarks attributed to U.S. Undersecretary of State Andrew Young that the U.S. administration was not sure Arafat and the PLO represent the Palestinian people. "Young's statement is an open interference in the internal affairs of the Palestinian revolution," the Palestinian spokesman said.

U.S. trade deficit worsens

WASHINGTON, May 26 (R). — America's trade deficit with the rest of the world increased slightly last month to \$2.9 billion from \$2.8 billion in March, the government said today. Exports of U.S. goods rose to \$11.6 billion, a 6.6 per cent increase from March but this was offset by a 5.3 per cent increase in imports, which rose to \$14.5 billion. The Commerce Department said that in the last four months of 1978, the world trade account showed a deficit of more than \$12.5 billion compared with a \$7.5 billion shortfall during the same period last year.

Iraqi Communists reported killed

BEIRUT, May 26 (R). — A Lebanese news digest reported today that at least 14 members of the Iraqi Communist Party have been executed in Iraq in the past month. The Middle East Reporter, noting travellers from Baghdad, said many party members had been arrested in the biggest drive against Communists since the recent regime came to power ten years ago. The report followed articles of the Communist Party in a government-controlled newspaper in Baghdad.

Vance to meet Mohammad Kamel

NEW YORK, May 25 (R). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will meet the foreign ministers of China and Egypt on June 2 in New York, a senior U.S. official said here today.

He said Mr. Vance would return to New York from Washington for the meetings which take place during the special United Nations disarmament session.

Both Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammad Ibrahim Kamel will head their respective delegations to the conference.

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All together now, one step backwards

The Israeli Supreme Court's order to halt work on establishing a new Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank is a novel twist in the history of Zionist colonialism in Palestine. We are, however, unconvinced of the Israeli Supreme Court's benign motives in ordering land clearing work temporarily halted at the site of the Gush Emunim settlement planned near the Palestinian village of Nabi Saleh, north of occupied Jerusalem. And we suggest to others that before they laud the Israeli Supreme Court's great humanitarian motives, they should keep in mind the standard Zionist tactics of taking one step backwards now in order to take three steps forward later.

Imagine the following scenario: The Supreme Court of Israel hears the arguments of the Gush Emunim settlers and, after some very dramatic soul searching, the court decides that, yes indeed, God gave the land to Abraham, and Israel today is the living personification of Abraham's cherished desire to send bulldozers all over the West Bank to clear land for new Jewish settlers. So the Supreme Court finally says that the Gush Emunim movement is fundamentally within its rights in establishing new settlements, but, to make things easier for those American congressional committees that have to meet every once in a while to review how Israel is spreading democracy and human rights throughout the Holy Land, the Supreme Court adds a clever legal condition: any new settlements have to be approved by the government of Israel.

So we shall probably end up in a situation where the Supreme Court of Israel has strengthened the Zionist movement to colonise Palestinian areas under Israeli occupation, and not, as initial events this week may lead some to believe, to weaken that movement.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Film festival

Saturday, May 27: Beginning of a 5-day European film festival. Today's film is "Bhakti" from Belgium. 8:30 p.m. at Basman Cinema.

Art exhibition

Continuing: An exhibition of lithographs and gouaches by Jean Miotte at the French Cultural Centre, Jabal Luweibdeh. The exhibition ends Wednesday, May 31.

Military exhibitions

Continuing: Displays of arms and war equipment in commemoration of Army Day. These outdoor displays are taking place in all major cities in Jordan and will continue till Friday, June 2.

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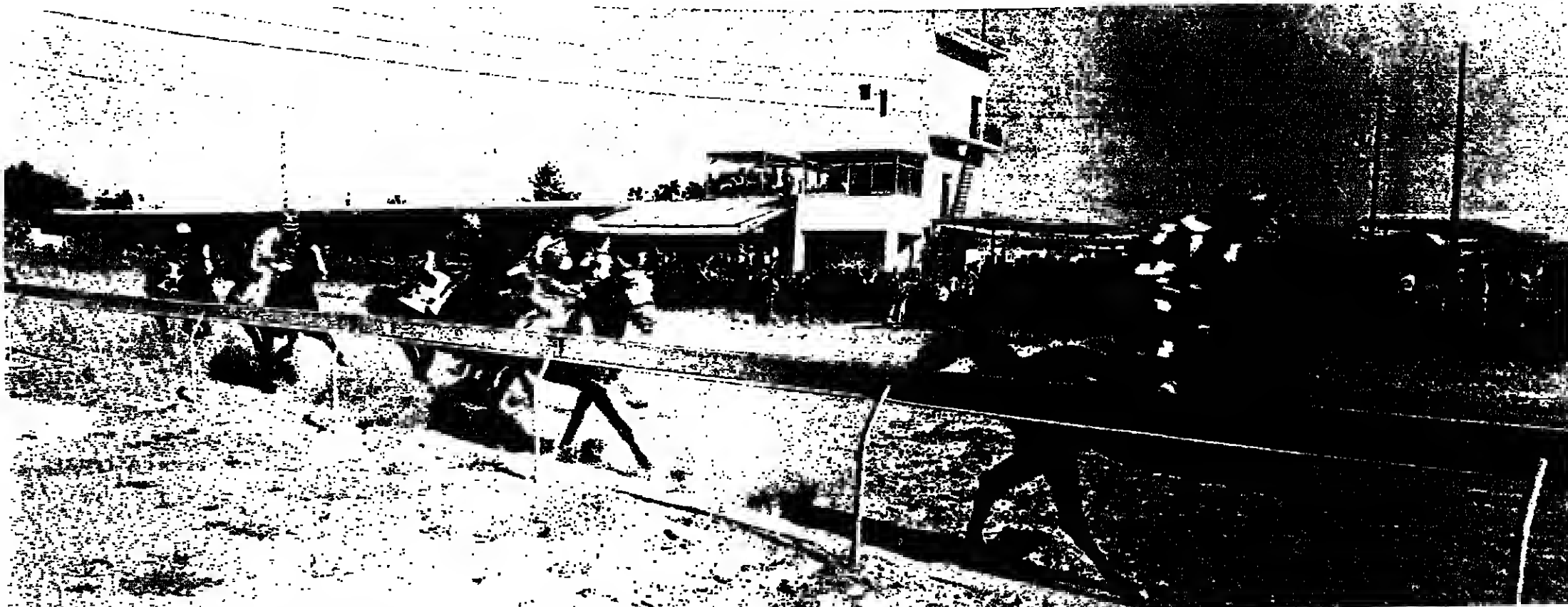
The University of Jordan offers a two-level programme in Arabic for non-Arabic speakers during the coming summer semester: Arabic for beginners for five hours (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.), and advanced Arabic, for five hours (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) daily from Saturday to Thursday. The fees are JD 55 a semester.

Those interested could contact the registrar at his office from Saturday, June 17 till Wednesday, June 21 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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A day at the races: The Marka Race Course gets off to a good start in the new season

Photos by Marianne Pearson
 Special to the Jordan Times



Officials conducting races at the Marka Race Course watch from the glassed-in portion of the tall white building. A jockey guilty of a misdemeanor will be fined. In case of a close race the senior official will give the order to the photo finish booth to make polaroid pictures of the first three horses crossing the finishing line. Above is the window for the photo-finish camera. On the adjacent rooftop is an open-air section for the press and for the jockeys, who are not permitted to mingle with the spectators.



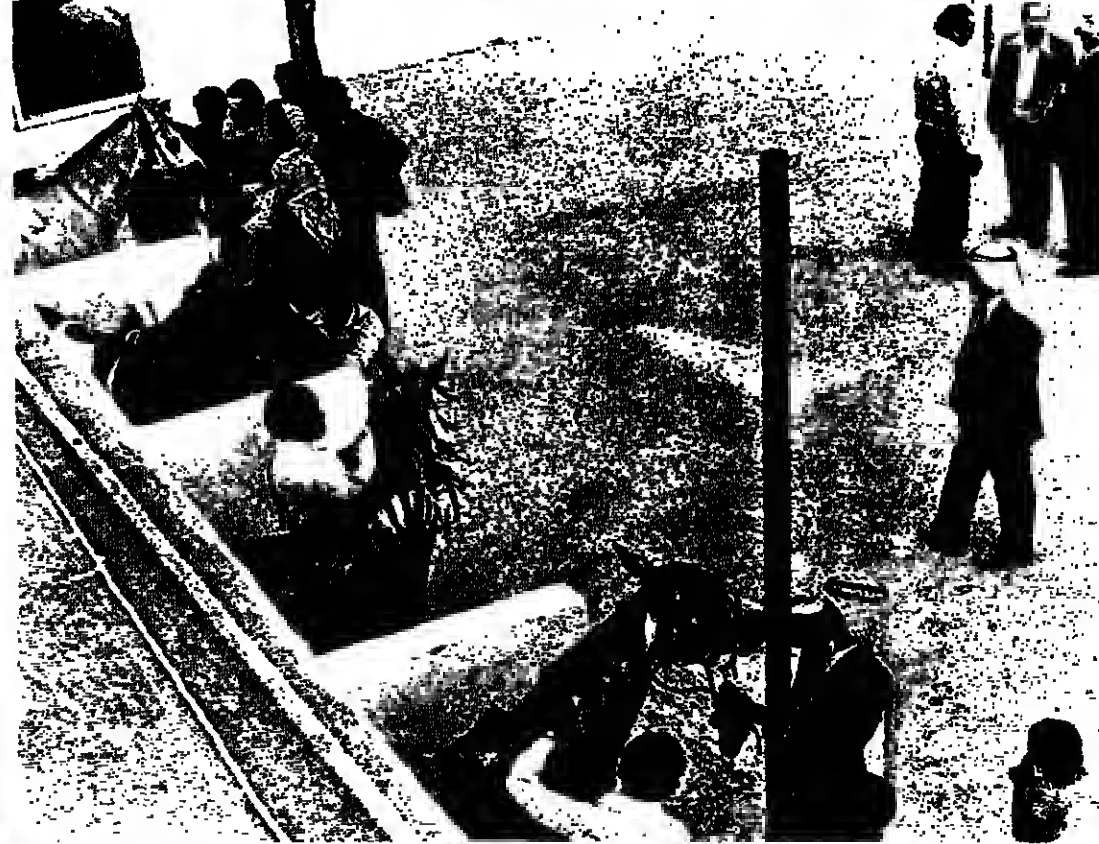
Jockeys and everything that goes on the horse are weighed in before a race and weighed out afterwards. If there is a discrepancy, the jockey is disqualified. Here a jockey mounts at the paddock. He will show the horse before the stands and then enter the starting gate.



"Tote" refers to the whole betting system, a legal form of gambling. At Marka it is based on the French system. The minimum bet is 200 fils. The total amount bet is put into a pool with a percentage kept by the racing club to pay its considerable costs: it has a permanent staff of twelve and up to 100 people work on racing days.



In the saddling enclosure the number cloth is put on first and then the saddle and girth; accouterments are kept as light as possible. Trained to do a job, race horses are often frisky and high-spirited.



Before the race, horses are brought to the saddling enclosure. Six races are run each Sunday, starting at 4:00 p.m. and ending about 6:30 p.m.



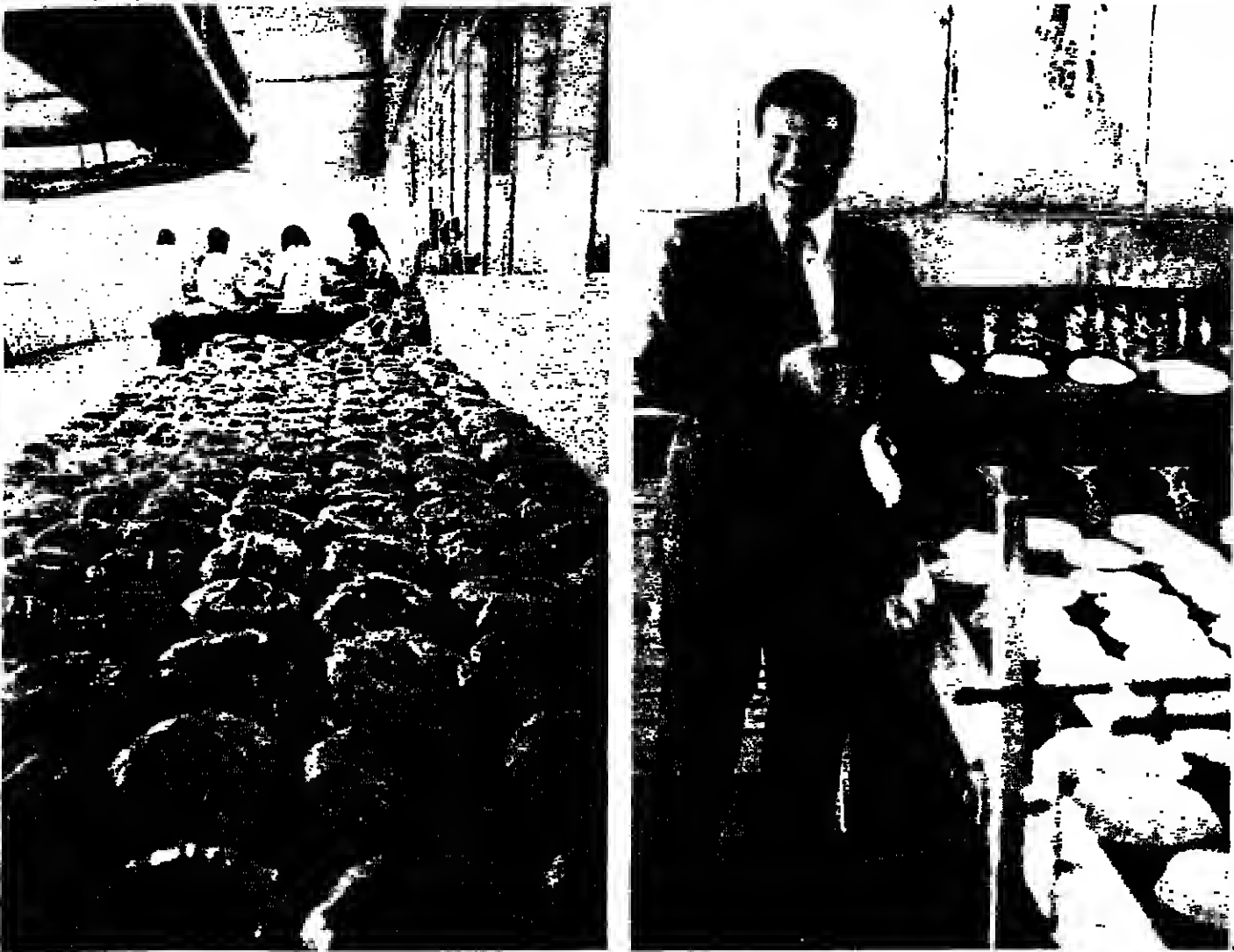
Several times a week the track of sand and sawdust is harrowed to keep it level. Just before Sunday races it is watered, but losers still have to bite a lot of dust.



As well as being high-spirited, Arabian horses are noted for their gentle dispositions and even temperament. Bone is strong; they are very hardy. Race horses are ranked according to the amount of money they have won. Higher class horses run in the last races of the day.

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THE LOOK OF THE LAND



Two scenes from the government's automatic bakery at Ras Al Ain which has been in operation since June 1977. Photo on the right shows a batch of hot puffy leaves pouring from the ovens which produce something like 5,000 such leaves an hour while the photo on the left shows the only remaining manual part of the whole operation: packing. Girls pack the bread into plastic bags and it is sent out to groceries and bread kiosks to provide Jordanians with their 'basic' food. (Photos by Marianne Pearson)

Latakia-Tartous highway, the latest in a series of USAID-financed projects in Syria

By Pat McDonnell
Special to the Jordan Times

DAMASCUS. — A team of American specialists was in Syria earlier this month to carry out feasibility studies on a proposed U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) financed highway linking the port cities of Latakia and Tartous.

The highway when constructed will serve a threefold purpose:

1. Move Syrian cargo to and from both ports;
2. Provide more efficient access to the port of Baniyas at a city midway between Latakia and Tartous where an oil refinery and cement factory are under construction; and
3. Enhance transit traffic on existing roads in the area.

The Latakia-Tartous road is one of three new highways planned by the Syrian government to originate in Latakia. Depending on its feasibility, (USAID) has expressed a willingness to finance the design and construction of the Latakia-Tartous highway.

USAID is, however, picking up the tab for feasibility studies for all three highways. Reports for the Latakia-Tartous highway should be completed by Aug. 1. Feasibility studies for the remaining two roads have a scheduled deadline of January 1979.

A USAID financed consulting team has been researching the economic and technical justification for constructing

the proposed highways since January of this year.

Initial questions range from the type of highway to be constructed to what type of traffic -- agricultural, industrial, transit, tourist -- will use the route, how many lanes are necessary to support traffic, and where the best alignment will be.

Specialists are at work checking soils, carrying out environmental studies, compiling traffic counts, and determining the overall transport economy. Bridge engineers, cost estimators and even an archaeologist have been called in to contribute reports that will make up the preliminary design for the project.

Foreign exchange costs for the road are estimated at \$50 to \$60 million.

The Latakia-Tartous highway represents the latest in a series of projects financed by the USAID mission to Syria since relations were resumed by the two countries in 1974.

In February 1975, the initial package of U.S. economic assistance to Syria comprised a \$1 million programme to upgrade technical training of Syrian professionals in U.S. institutions; \$4 million in feasibility and technical studies; and \$20 million in agricultural and construction equipment for Syrian development efforts.

In June 1975, another \$10 million was allocated for additional agricultural and construction equipment; and \$48 million was channelled into a

project with Etablissement Public des Eaux de FIEGH which is already supplying water to Damascus to upgrade and expand the municipal water system in Damascus.

In July 1976, USAID signed an agreement to finance construction of the \$48 million Damascus-Dera'a highway. Another \$17 million has been committed for an irrigation maintenance project at Raqa in connection with agricultural development utilizing waters from the Euphrates and the reservoir behind the new Tabqa Dam.

USAID is also providing teachers for an English language training centre at the Syrian State Planning Institute. Six American English language specialists from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. conduct four 11-week sessions each year.

This English language programme prepares Syrian government employees who will later go to the U.S. for advanced technical training. These include engineers, doctors, agriculturalists, tourism specialists and representatives of the petroleum industry. Since the first group left for the U.S. in December 1975, more than 200 Syrian officials have returned from training courses in the U.S.

As well as this USAID is also cooperating with the Syrian Ministry of Health in a project slated for late 1978 that will upgrade and expand training of laboratory techni-

cians and public health workers in the Technical Health Institute.

In reference to the Damascus-Dera'a highway, Gordon B. Ramsey, Director of the USAID mission to Syria, explained:

"This is a new highway on a different alignment than the present road from Damascus to the Jordan border."

"The Damascus-Dera'a road project now is at the stage of contracting for a consulting engineer to supervise construction. Whereas the engineering and construction staff will be Americans, the subcontractors and labourers will be Syrians."

"A provision of USAID loans -- made on highly concessional terms -- is that they be implemented with American firms. U.S. services and commodities may be more expensive than those of some countries, but they also represent good American technology, dependability and know-how."

"Nonetheless, starting up a new programme in a foreign country and learning each other's procedures and methods of executing projects can be a delaying factor."

Through fiscal 1977, obligations of USAID funds to Syria amounted to \$253 million. An additional \$80 million is earmarked for fiscal year 1978 (ending Sept. 30) making a total of \$343 million since 1974.

The separately administered PL 480 Food for Peace Programme has signed agreements representing approximately \$75 million from 1974 to the present.

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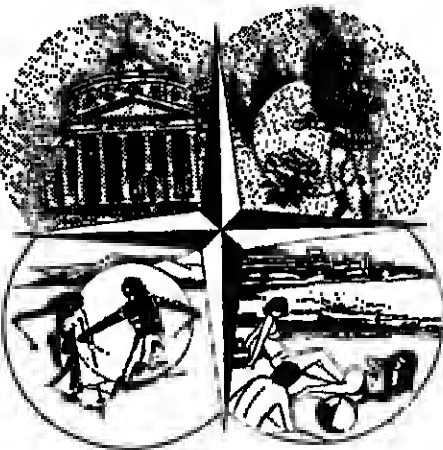
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GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early of the day is allent for gaining headway by thinking in terms of what you can do for others and expressing your unusual abilities. Be more understanding of family members.

RIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Good day to be in the company of fine friends but don't be tempted into an argument. Allow time for favorite hobby.

AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Follow the advice of a friend for your advancement in your chosen career. It is a better way of gaining your aims.

EMINI (May 21 to June 21) Check your surroundings make plans for improvement. Plan how to stretch finances by spending your money wisely.

COON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Show more respect in your mate's welfare and come to a better understanding. Allow time for recreation. you enjoy.

EO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A good day to study current events and become better informed. He plans to have abundance in the days ahead.

IRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Accomplish as much as possible in the morning so you'll have time for recreation. Cut down on unnecessary expenses.

IBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study every angle before going ahead with a new project you have in mind. Do your best to please a loyal friend. Be logical.

CORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be sure to keep promises have made to family members. Make the evening a happy one in the company of congenials.

AGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Visit persons who in your vicinity and improve the relationships. Show family members how truly devoted you are to them.

APRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Avoid a questionable one who could be detrimental to your best interests. Be sure your home is in fine order.

QUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Begin the day cheerily by entering activities that bring you closer to personal goals. Improve your health in some way.

ISCES (Feb. 20 Mar. 20) Find a better way to gain most cherished goals. A good day to contact a loyal friend who can give you good suggestions.

OPEC may be forced to replace dollar if decline continues, says Iranian premier

TEHRAN, Iran, May 26 (AP). — Prime Minister Jamshid Amouzegar says the world's major oil producing countries may be forced to find a substitute for the dollar to pay for oil if the value of the U.S. currency continues to decline. Unless the United States takes steps to reduce its budget deficit, he said, "the dollar is not going to recover and oil producers might have to peg oil prices to the World Bank's standard drawing rights," a composite world currency created by the International Monetary Fund.

Iran, the world's second largest oil-producer is a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which decided earlier this month in Saudi Arabia to keep the dollar as the standard pricing currency.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Mr. Amouzegar said OPEC may begin raising oil prices annually beginning next year to encourage investment in alternative energy sources.

"It is better that each year a small percentage be added to the price of oil rather than freezing prices three or four years and then all of a sudden in the mid-1980's, we will have to double and triple the price again," Mr. Amouzegar said, noting that when OPEC quadrupled oil prices the impact on the world economy was tremendous. OPEC's base price now is \$12.70 for a 42-gallon barrel.

Some OPEC countries have suggested creating a new unit of payment for oil based on a combination of currencies, but Mr. Amouzegar said "for the time being we maintain we should stick with the dollar because we believe the basic structure of the American economy is strong."

If the dollar continues to weaken, however, OPEC "might be forced" to dump the dollar in favour of another pricing system, he said. It might be difficult for OPEC to agree on a currency basket because the producing nations have different trading partners and each would back the currency that most affected its imports.

The prime minister said Iran and other OPEC members have suffered because of the dollar's weakness but that ch-

anging to another currency system wouldn't necessarily solve the problem because the dollar would be one of the currencies in the "basket".

Saudi Arabia is the world's leading oil producer. Other OPEC members are Algeria, Iraq, Kuwait, Venezuela, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

On another subject, Mr. Amouzegar said international terrorists using "the cloak of religion" are behind the anti-

government riots that have caused 40 deaths and widespread destruction in Iran in the past five months.

The protests are led by orthodox Moslems opposed to Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's policies of modernising Iran's Islamic society. They are believed to have at least moral support, if dissidents who demand a liberalisation of the Shah's one-party political system.

Agricultural officials endorse declaration calling for radical change in farm, rural development

OXFORD, England, May 26 (R). — Senior agricultural officials from 14 developing countries yesterday endorsed a declaration which called for a radical change in farm and rural development.

The officials' meeting near here in a personal capacity with the approval of their governments, stated that this change was needed if the world's rural population was to escape a tightening poverty trap and widening of the perilously small margin separating it from famine.

The document said that all too often traditional development and aid policies were so "diluted against the fuller mobilisation of rural manpower and potential that the rural poor remain poor."

It said more than half the people of the world and ne-

arly three-quarters of the people in developing countries earned their livelihood from rural occupations. Millions had barely enough food to keep them alive and a sustained effort was needed to have the rural poor, through their own efforts, could earn basic necessities, the document added.

The participants included representatives of the World Bank, the United Nations and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the International Labour Office.

The conference based its declaration on what it called the massive evidence of the failure of too many policies and operations to improve agricultural and rural development. It called on international and national bodies to avoid the mistakes of the past

Former CIA head feels it would be a moral act to kill Idi Amin

CHICAGO, May 26 (R). — William Colby, a former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), has said in a magazine interview it would be a moral act if the people of Uganda killed President Idi Amin.

Mr. Colby, who was dismissed by President Ford in November, 1975, as head of the CIA, discussed assassinations in the July issue of Playboy.

He said he would cheerfully have helped to assassinate Adolf Hitler in 1944. Asked if the Ugandan people had an obligation to kill President Amin he replied: "It would be a moral act if they did."

On what he thought would happen to the Ugandan president, he said: "I doubt he will die a natural death. That's a prediction. I'm not saying that we're going to do anything."

Questioned about the press, Mr. Colby said the CIA had been hurt by its sensationalism.

"I think the only word you can use is hysteria," he added.

Ian Smith says he will retire before elections

CAPE TOWN, May 26 (R). — White Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith said today he would retire from politics before one-man, one-vote elections leading to majority rule in his country.

"I have no intention of standing in the next election. By then my task will have been completed and I will have done all I can to reassure the people of Rhodesia," Mr. Smith told a press conference here.

He said the multiracial Rhodesian interim government, formed after the Salisbury Agreement with black nationalists last March, was committed to holding an election by the end of this year.

This would not be easy, he added, but the government had "one or two ideas on corner cutting without impairing the efficiency and integrity of the operation." He did not elaborate on these ideas.

Mr. Smith is on holiday in South Africa. Yesterday he held two hours of talks with Prime Minister John Vorster.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

| One sterling | 1.8120/30 | U.S. dollars |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| One dollar | 2.1190/1205 | West German marks |
| | 2.2700/10 | Dutch guilders |
| | 1.9490/9520 | Swiss francs |
| | 33.05/08 | Belgian francs |
| | 4.6560/90 | French francs |
| | 871.30/80 | Italian lire |
| | 225.80/226.00 | Japanese yen |
| | 4.6812/27 | Swedish crowns |
| | 5.7100/20 | Danish crowns |

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Prices were generally easier Friday but above the day's lows, reflecting political uncertainties created by news that the Labour government's pact with the Liberal Party is to end, dealers said. Turnover was small because of end account factors and the long holiday weekend, they added. At 15:00 the F.T. index was 3.3 at 474.2.

Government bonds showed net falls ranging to 3/8 point. Gold shares finished narrowly higher after a quiet session, while U.S. and Canadian issues mostly eased.

Price of gold closed in London Friday at \$178.45/oz.

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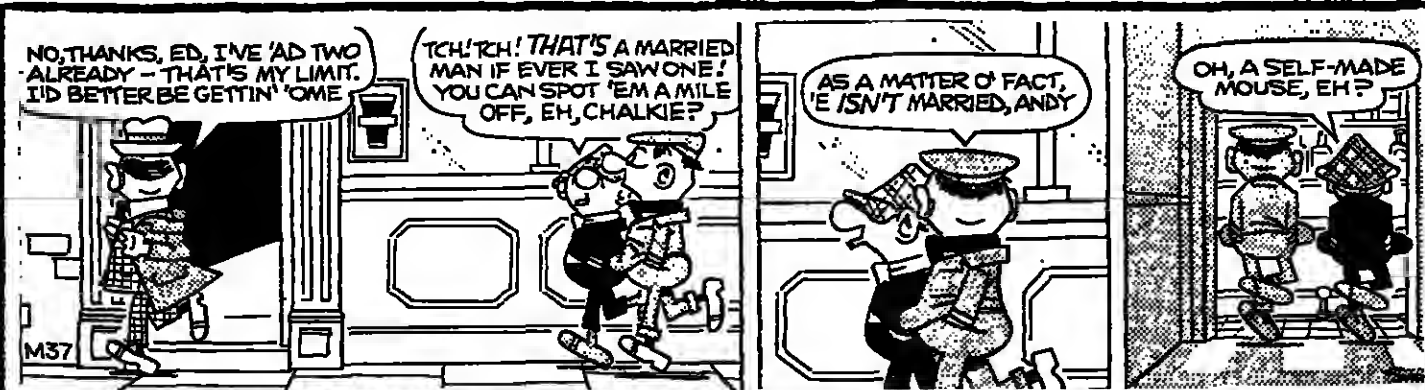
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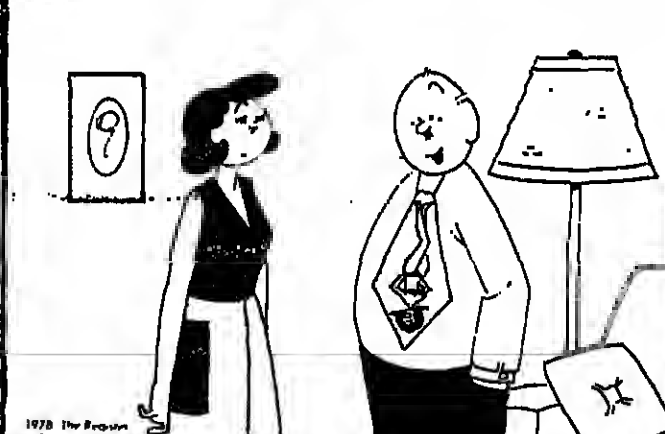
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♠ AKJ7
♥ 652
♦ K1098
♣ J9

WEST
♠ 1042
♥ KQ103
♦ Q76
♣ K32

EAST
♠ Q953
♥ Void
♦ J532
♣ Q8654

SOUTH
♠ 86
♥ AJ9874
♦ A4
♣ A107

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♣ Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead: Six of ♠.

The feats of Trump Coup Tommy had become a legend at his bridge club. So much so that his opponents dreaded picking up more than two cards in Tommy's trump suit. They were all aware of his uncanny knack of transposing from one of the world's all-time hackers to a master of technique at the table—a veritable Jekyll and Hyde of the pastebards—whenever trumps broke badly.

Tommy's bidding was a model of restraint. He realized that he was showing a six-card suit by rebidding hearts over his partner's one spade response, and he was delighted to bear his

partner raise him to game. West led a low diamond. When dummy came down the contract appeared so simple that the kibitzers were already looking for ways whereby Tommy could butcher it.

Dummy's eight of diamonds was allowed to win—it gave Tommy a trick he did not need. Tommy led a trump and the whole complexion of the hand changed when East discarded a club. Tommy inserted the seven, West woo the two and exited with a spade.

Declarer woo the ace of spades, crossed to the ace of diamonds and led a low club. West grabbed the king to lead a second spade, taken by the king. Declarer came to his hand with a diamond ruff, cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club in dummy.

Now declarer had to guess which suit to ruff to return to his hand. Mindful of West's queue of diamonds on the last diamond trick, declarer elected to shorten himself by ruffing a spade. When West followed, the contract was home.

Tommy was left with the ace-jack-nine of trumps while West was down to the king-queen-three. Tommy simply exited with a low trump, and West was forced to end play himself. After winning the queen, he had to lead from his king-three into declarer's ace-jack-tenace. Tommy had managed to hold his losers to two trumps and a club.

France proposes vast programme aimed at global disarmament

UNITED NATIONS, May 26 (R). — France yesterday urged all 35 nations from Europe and North America that attended the 1975 Helsinki Security Conference to meet again to work out plans for disarmament covering the vast region stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals.

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, making the first appearance by a French head of state at the U.N. General Assembly, proposed the European disarmament conference as part of an extensive French programme to end the global arms race.

Other features of the programme were an international system of observation satellites to make sure nations keep to their disarmament commitments, a special development fund fed by taxes levied on heavily armed countries and creation of a world institute for disarmament.

France also proposed that the existing 30-nation Geneva Disarmament Conference under the co-chairmanship of the United States and the Soviet Union should be replaced by a more representative forum, with an open membership and equal standing for all participants.

Addressing the U.N. Special Assembly on Disarmament, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said: "Once these principles have been put into practice, France will be prepared to discuss ways to establish such a body and would then participate in it."

France has never taken part in the Geneva disarmament conference, which was boycotted by the late Gen. De Gaulle when it opened in 1962 because he regarded it as an instrument for big power domination.

Shift in policy

The French president's speech marked a major shift in French policy on disarmament, although his approach remained true to traditional Gaullist distaste for allowing the Russians and Americans to call the tune.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing told

the 140 member nations of the U.N. "disarmament is not exclusive to a few countries, but must instead become a concern for everyone."

He said the \$400 billion devoted to arms each year was as much as the national product of the whole of Latin America and twice as much as that of the whole of Africa.

Military spending was disproportionate to the other needs of mankind — the \$1 billion daily devoted to armaments was as much as was spent on health care in the world.

Surveillance

The French leader called on governments to exploit new technology to develop the use of observation satellites to monitor disarmament.

"The two biggest powers are the only ones that have this equipment right now. Other countries such as France will acquire it in the next five years, it will remain for a long time in the hands of a tiny minority."

"We feel it is time for the surveillance capabilities of these satellites to be made available to the international community."

France was therefore proposing studies on the creation of a satellite monitoring agency, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said.

Supporting the creation of nuclear free zones like that set up in Latin America, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said France would be willing to help in restricting conventional arms levels in such regions by adjusting its policy on sales of military equipment.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said a combined meeting of countries of a nuclear free region that wanted to set ceilings on conventional arms with the military supplier countries would be the best way to limit sales.

Carter attacks bureaucratic "iron triangle"

CHICAGO, May 26 (AP). — U.S. President Carter charged today that an "iron triangle" of vested interests in Washington threatens his efforts to reorganise the federal government.

Mr. Carter, who was flying from Chicago to Springfield to address a morning joint session of the Illinois State Legislature, said in his prepared text:

"There is in Washington an iron triangle of bureaucracy, congressional committees and well-organized special interests who can manipulate opposition to the reforms we need."

"When the great majority of our people would benefit from change — such as civil service reform — and only a small minority is opposed, it is often only the voice of the minority that is heard."

Asked about his own slump in the public opinion polls, Mr. Carter said "We tried to address the crucial issues of our nation without being fearful about political consequences. ... I am concerned about it. I wish my popularity in the country were much higher."

China, Oman establish diplomatic relations

PEKING, May 26 (R). — China and Oman today announced they had agreed to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level and exchange ambassadors.

It said the agreement was signed yesterday in London. China now has diplomatic relations with 115 countries, according to the Foreign Ministry.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, May 26 (AP). — Bulent Ecevit, Turkey's Prime Minister, said today that other countries in the North Atlantic Alliance should have filled the gap left by the U.S. arms embargo, but that as a whole the alliance seemed "indifferent or helpless."

This, he added, does seri-

Kyprianou rebuffs U.S. effort to revive Cyprus inter-communal talks

NEW YORK, May 26 (R). — Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou yesterday rebuffed an American attempt to revive the Cyprus inter-communal talks and criticised the United States for trying to mislead world opinion over Turkish Cypriot proposals which he said were totally unacceptable.

"There is no question of convening the inter-communal talks," Mr. Kyprianou said after a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Mr. Vance urged Mr. Kyprianou to be flexible in response to what the U.S. regards as a genuine willingness by Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş to negotiate a settlement with Greek Cypriot leaders, a senior U.S. official said.

Turkish position clarified

The secretary of state gave Mr. Kyprianou clarifications on the Turkish Cypriot position received at a meeting with Mr. Denktaş Wednesday.

The Carter administration is particularly keen to get the long-stalled communal talks resumed, partly because movement on the Cyprus dispute would remove the main reason for a 1975 congressional arms embargo against Turkey.

The administration is at present preparing for a major battle in Congress to overturn the embargo. Greece and Greek Cypriots want it maintained.

Mr. Kyprianou said yesterday nothing Mr. Vance told

him had changed his mind about the Turkish Cypriot proposals.

"I can only tell you that as we heard the various clarifications, they don't change the picture at all ... the proposals remain totally unacceptable."

He also criticised the Carter administration for publicly praising Mr. Denktaş's statement this week clarifying Turkish Cypriot proposals introduced on April 13.

"Despite various efforts here and elsewhere to beautify (the proposals) by trying to mislead world public opinion that there are possibilities of improvement ... these proposals are not liable to improvement because the very basis of the proposals is unacceptable. It is partitionist. The very concept has to be abandoned," he said.

The April 13 proposals would effectively reduce Turkish control from 40 to about 38 per cent of Cyprus, Mr. Denktaş's recent clarifying statement spoke of significant territorial adjustments.

Yesterday's rebuff ends the first round of the administration's effort to revive the Cyprus talks, which have been held under U.N. auspices since 1975.

Round two

Round two will open in Washington next week, when both Greek Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis and Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit see President Carter during the NATO summit.

Ethiopia denies report that Cuban, South Yemeni ambassadors were expelled

LONDON, May 26 (R). — Ethiopia denied yesterday that the Cuban and South Yemeni ambassadors had left Addis Ababa following opposition by the military government to Cuban-backed plans for the formation of a political party.

The Ethiopian Embassy telephoned a statement to Reuters saying: "The Ethiopian government rejects this report as totally false and unfounded."

"The ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Yemen is in Ethiopia and over left."

"The ambassador of Cuba is currently back in Havana for normal consultations with his government."

Reuters reported from Nairobi Wednesday that diplomats in Addis Ababa said the two ambassadors left ten days ago. The embassy said: "The report purports to be based on information from unnamed diplomats and quotes the reactionary and bourgeois West German newspaper Die Welt."

Sunday's races at the Royal Racing Club - Marikha

FIRST RACE — 4:00 p.m.

For local country horses, beginners

Distance 1,000 metres

| Owner | Horse | Trainer | Jockey/Weight |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| 1. H.H. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil | KHARAZIH | M. Hanna | Ibrahim 55.5 |
| 2. Misha'al Al Faiez | DONIA | M. Hanna | Radwan 55.5 |
| 3. Nidal B. Al Hadid | AL ALYA | Owner | Mousa 55.5 |
| 4. Mamdouh Al Hadid | AL ZARFAH | Owner | Salamih 55.5 |
| 5. Ibrahim Al Ja'fary | M. SAMER | Owner | George 55.5 |
| 6. Abdulaziz Al Hadid | KROUSH | Owner | Thamin 52.5 |
| 7. Khalid Al Adwan | M. ARWA | Owner | — 52.5 |
| 8. Ismail Salim | MORJANIH | Owner | Silmi 52.5 |
| 9. Hani Al Adwan | MANSORAH | Owner | — 51.5 |
| 10. Mousa Salamih | RAMZ AL KHAIL | Owner | Ahmad 50 |

SECOND RACE — 4:30 p.m.

For beginner horses

Distance 1,000 metres

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| 1. Mousa Salamih | AMIR AL ZAMAN | Owner | — 57 |
| 2. Faisal Al Faiez | SHAT AL ARAB | Owner | — 57 |
| 3. Faisal Al Faiez | SOMAYAH | Owner | Josef 52.5 |
| 4. H.H. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil | NAGHAM | M. Hanna | Ibrahim 55.5 |
| 5. H.H. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil | RIHANIH | M. Hanna | George 55.5 |
| 6. Tawfik Ksous | SULTANIH | M. Hanna | Mostafa 55.5 |
| 7. Saif H. Majali | BINT AL REEH | Ali | Mousa 55.5 |
| 8. Ghalib Haddadin | LAHAB | Owner | Salamih 50 |
| 9. Samer E. Farkouh | K. AL NASIB | M. Hanna | Radwan 50 |

THIRD RACE — 5:00 p.m.

For local country horses, third class

Distance 1,000 metres

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------|
| 1. Mishrif Baraisih | JASOUR | Owner | — 59 |
| 2. Ghalib Haddadin | JARIH | Owner | Mousa 57 |
| 3. Hani Al Adwan | AL JARBA | Owner | 55.5 |
| 4. Hani Al Adwan | AZIZIH | Owner | 48.5 |
| 5. Rashid Oudeh | TISLAM | Jazza'a | 54.5 |
| 6. Tawfik Ksous | FTINIH | M. Hanna | Ibrahim 53.5 |
| 7. Faisal Al Faiez | M. KHALID | Owner | Radwan 53.5 |
| 8. Ibrahim and A. Sokout | GH. AL REEF | Owner | — 52.5 |
| 9. Saif H. Majali | N. AL BADAWIEH | Ali | Saad 51.5 |
| 10. A. Al Fattah Malhas | UM AL KALAEID | Ali | Josef 47.5 |

FOURTH RACE — 5:30 p.m.

For third class horses

Distance 1,400 metres

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|--------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| 1. Ghalib Haddadin | SINDAH | Owner | Salamih 57 |
| 2. Nadim S. Al Dajani | AMIR | Salih | Josef 57 |
| 3. Fanous and Shukry | ZAKASH | M. Hanna | — 57 |
| 4. H.H. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil | RAJWIT NASER | M. Hanna | Ibrahim 55.5 |
| 5. Marwan S. Lallas | TAJ AL AROUS | M. Hanna | Radwan 53 |
| 6. Mohammad R. Oudeh | KAHRAMAN | Jazza'a | — 53 |
| 7. Sami Y. Madros | ASHHAL | Owner | — 53 |
| 8. Mousa Salamih | OPELLO | Owner | — 50 |

FIFTH RACE — 6:00 p.m.

For third class horses

Distance 1,400 metres

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| 1. Firas R. Oudeh | IZZ AL KHAIL | Jazza'a | Salamih 58 |
| 2. Mousa Salamih | ABU AL HAWA | Owner | — 56 |
| 3. Nadim S. Al Dajani | AL ZALEEM | Salih | Josef 54 |
| 4. Samir E. Farkouh | NAMNOUM | M. Hanna | Radwan 54 |
| 5. Sami Y. Madros | HOLWAN | Owner | — 50 |
| 6. H.H. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil | BINT AL IZZ | M. Hanna | Ibrahim 48.5 |

SIXTH RACE — 6:30 p.m.

For second class horses

Distance 1,600 metres

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| 1. Mohammad A. Taieh | SATTAM AL BOULAD | M. Hanna | Sami 52 |
| 2. Nadim S. Al Dajani | RAAD | — | — |
| 3. Saif H. Majali | MARHAB | Salih | Josef 52 |
| 4. H.H. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil | EYAR AL KHAIL | M. Hanna | Ibrahim 48 |
| 5. H.H. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil | JOHAR | M. Hanna | Mostafa 48 |
| 6. Mousa Salamih | AL TAMRI | Owner | — 48 |
| 7. Tarik F. Ahmad | REEM | Owner | — 46.5 |

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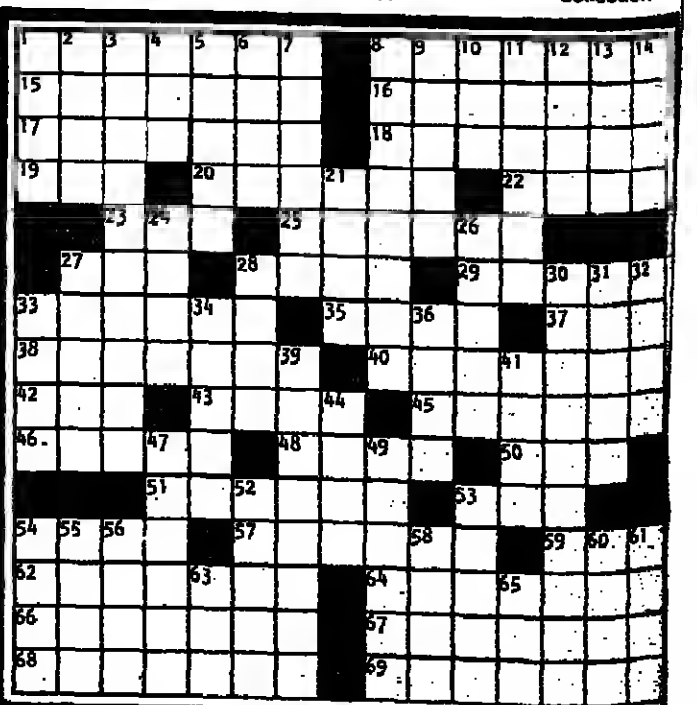
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THE Daily Crossword by James Barrick

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| ACROSS | 33 Impede | 54 One of a Latin trio | 21 Wander |
| 1 A few | 35 NY team | 57 Jailbird | 24 Gershwin et al. |
| 8 Atomizer | 37 "Black Cat" author | 58 Marquee notice | 26 Twangy |
| 15 Do surgery | 38 Incident | 62 Forebode | 27 Plains dwelling |
| 16 City in Libya | 40 Land broker | 64 Rendered invalid | 28 Old Norse poems |
| 17 Was generous | 42 Recent comb. form | 66 Overpowering | 30 Expecting the best |
| 18 Told tales | 43 Light shades | 67 Building | 31 Not a soul |
| 19 Poor Gymb's mother | 45 May or Strich | 68 Race track official | 32 Parched |
| 20 Bergman of films | 46 Tooth comb. form | 69 Intertwines part | 33 Revolving machine |
| 22 Bijoux | 48 School subject: abbr. | 70 Fountain order | 36 Abound |
| 23 — de la | 50 Mrs. in Metz | 2 Group of poems | 39 Produce |
| 25 Early epoch | 51 Unpaid debt | 3 Deep respect | 41 Silvery fabric |
| 27 Old salt | 53 Fragrant necklace | 4 Baseball stat. | 44 Line of stitches |
| 28 Part of QED | | 5 Proportion | 47 Regged piece |
| 29 Ages and ages | | 8 Solar disk | 49 Fruit |

Solution of yesterday's puzzle

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| THROAT | LEON | TRIT | |
| STRIKE | MOVIES | | |
| ARM | PIADDO | | |
| ACROSS | OLEO | ROSA | |
| CRIMED | ONES | NOTPAY | |
| TOPIT | WREN | SEERS | |
| SERVE | EST | | |
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